

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20054**

In the Matter of:)	
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STATE OF INDIANA)	WT Docket No. 02-55
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and)	TAM-12005
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SPRINT CORPORATION)	
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JOINT REQUEST

**TO EXTEND NOTICE OF APPEARANCES
AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATES**

The State of Indiana (“Indiana”) and Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”), by and through their respective counsel, hereby submit this Joint Request to extend the dates for the filing of their own Notice of Appearance and preparation for a Prehearing Conference as set forth in the Order, released October 31, 2017, by Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel (the “ALJ”).¹ That Order responded to a prior joint request made by the parties on October 24, 2017 that the ALJ delay the November 6, 2017 deadline date for a Prehearing Conference in the above-referenced proceeding, as well as the filing of Notices of Appearance by both parties on that same date.

In their joint request, the parties advised the ALJ that Indiana anticipated it would be given authority by its Governor’s Office to make a settlement offer to Sprint covering all the

¹ *State of Indiana and Sprint Corporation*, Order, FCC 17M-37, rel. Oct. 31, 2017 (the “Order”).

matters designated for hearing, but that meeting would not occur until after the specified Prehearing Conference date. The parties suggested that a short extension of the hearing process dates would conserve resources both of the Commission and the parties and avoid the expenditure of unnecessary time, cost and effort in preparing for a Prehearing Conference and the filing of Notices of Appearance.

The ALJ's October 31, 2017 Order took into account the request by the parties that the dates for the Prehearing Conference and Notice of Appearance be delayed until Monday, November 27, 2017. The ALJ granted a short delay so as to allow the State of Indiana to formally confer with its Governor's Office to reach closure on the terms of a potential settlement offer to be made to Sprint. Nevertheless, the Order noted that while this short delay could be accommodated, in light of the uncertainty that a settlement offer would be forthcoming or be accepted, that both Notices of Appearance and Prehearing Conference dates would not be indefinitely postponed.

The parties now can report that the Governor's Office authorized Indiana to make a comprehensive settlement offer to Sprint and that offer was conveyed and accepted by Sprint. The parties currently are in the process of documenting this comprehensive settlement and anticipate as soon as Indiana has made the specified settlement payment to Sprint by no later than the end of the calendar year, if not before, that the parties will ask the Commission to dismiss the Hearing Designation Order with prejudice. The comprehensive settlement will include mutual releases by the parties and will eliminate the need for any Commission hearing or other further review of any aspect of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau's May 24, 2017 Order in this matter.

Indiana and Sprint Corporation respectfully request the postponement of the commencement of pre-hearing procedures, including preparation for and participation in a Prehearing Conference as well as the filing of Notices of Appearance in this proceeding. The parties request a reasonable amount of time, of not more than a month, to document their agreed upon settlement and to file for dismissal of the matter with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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